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INFORMATIONAL NOTICE

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TO: Participating Governmental Entities

RE: Medical Electronic Data Interchange/Internet Electronic Claims (MEDI/IEC)

Effective September 1, 2006, governmental entities will be required to submit claims for federal match to the department via the Medical Electronic Data Interchange/Internet Electronic Claims (MEDI/IEC) System. MEDI/IEC will allow entities to either submit claims via Direct Data Entry (DDE) or batch using the HIPAA 837P transaction formats. The Department of Healthcare and Family Services will reject government entity claims not submitted through MEDI/IEC. Recipient Eligibility inquiries are also part of the MEDI System and will be available to the Governmental Entities.

As each entity begins to submit claims, the Department recommends a 'start low, go slow approach'. Submitting small volumes of claims will assist in verifying successful submission and adjudication of claims.

To insure confidentiality of information transmitted through the Internet, Governmental Entities will be required to register for a digital certificate and then complete the MEDI registration process. The digital certificate enables users to identify or authenticate themselves to exchange sensitive information in an encrypted form with the department through the MEDI Web site. Governmental Entities can register on the MEDI System via the Internet at:

<http://www.myhfs.illinois.gov/>

The Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) has updated the Chapter 300 Handbook for Electronic Processing to include information specific to claim submittals by Government Entities. Please refer to Topic 302.6, Other Governmental Payors Information, of Chapter 300 handbook, available on the department's Web site at:

<http://www.hfs.illinois.gov/handbooks/>

The information contained in Topic 302.6 is a supplement to the X12 (4010A) Implementation Guides.

Providers wishing to receive e-mail notification, when new provider information is posted by the department, may register at the following HFS Web site at:

<http://www.hfs.illinois.gov/provrel>

Questions regarding this notice should be directed to the Bureau of Program & Reimbursement Analysis at (217) 782-3953.



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